

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 14, 23, 31, 41, 42, and 50-59, are requested to be cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 2, 4, 6-9, 12, 15-18, 21, 24-30, 32-40, 43, 45-49, 60, and 62-68 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-13, 15-22, 24-30, 32-40, 43-49, and 60-69 are now pending in this application.

In Section 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7, 17, 24-27, 29, 33, 35, 43-44, and 65 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 7, 17, 24-27, 29, 33, 35, 43 and 65 in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Further, other claims have been amended to be dependent therefrom. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims, as amended.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit

Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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